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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

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A process for producing a hydrogenated ester by hydrogenating an unsaturated group-containing ester having a specific structure by using a hydrogenating catalyst so as to obtain a hydrogenated ester with a high selectivity. It is preferred that the unsaturated group-containing ester as the raw material is diluted with an inert solvent and/or the concentration of carboxylic acid contained in the raw material is made 1 wt.% or less so as to effect a hydrogenation reaction. The hydrogenating catalyst to be used for the above hydrogenation may preferably be one comprising at least one metal selected from Group VIII-8 elements, Group IX-9 elements, and Group X-10 elements in the periodic table according to Nomenclature of Inorganic Chemistry, Revised Edition, 1989, International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, and preferably has an acidity of 1.0 X 10⁻¹ mmol/g or less.